

COLONIAL AMERICA TRIVIA QUESTIONS



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1> When did the first war between the Virginian colonists and the Indians start?

- a. 1649
- b. 1610
- c. 1635
- d. 1598

2> Which of these individuals is considered to be one of the founders of Rhode Island?

- a. Roger Williams
- b. Samuel Skelton
- c. John Wilson
- d. William Laud

3> On which body of water would you find Salem?

- a. Naumkeag River
- b. Quincy Bay
- c. Fresh Pond
- d. Little Island Pond

4> In 1655, the Swedish colony in New York was attacked. Who attacked them?

- a. The Iroquois
- b. The Dutch
- c. The French
- d. The Onondaga

5> What crop was sometimes referred to as the gold of Virginia?

- a. Tobacco
- b. Wheat
- c. Corn
- d. Pumpkins

6> When did the infamous Boston massacre occur?

- a. 1658
- b. 1742
- c. 1770
- d. 1754

7> Which feared Native captured John Smith of Jamestown?

- a. Sitting Bull
- b. Wanunsunacock
- c. Opchanacanough
- d. Powhatan

8> Which disease did the colonists of Salem believe was caused by witches?

- a. Small Pox
- b. Scarlet Fever
- c. Bubonic plague
- d. Tuberculosis

9> Where did the Tuscarora War occur?

- a. Maine
- b. North Carolina
- c. New York
- d. Vermont

10> What was the name of the first Fort built by the colonists?

- a. Fort St. James
- b. Fort St. James
- c. St. George's Fort
- d. St. Patrick's Fort

11> What was the name of the colonist that Pocahontas married in 1614?

- a. Thomas Smith
- b. William Adams
- c. John Rolfe
- d. James Williams

12> In 1608 a fleet of ships arrived in America. How many new colonists did they bring?

- a. 200
- b. 450
- c. 670
- d. 530

13> When was Virginia officially made a royal colony?

- a. 1624
- b. 1604
- c. 1582
- d. 1643

14> What was Sir Thomas Dale's official position in the colonies?

- a. Deputy Governor
- b. Teacher
- c. Minister
- d. Cooper

15> How many individuals were executed as a result of the Salem witch trials?

- a. 19
- b. 37
- c. 5
- d. 53

16> What was the name of the ship, which ran aground in 1772 off Namquid point?

- a. Hannah
- b. Gaspee

- c. Mayflower
- d. Nina

17> Samuel Adams was a prominent figure in the colonies. What position did he hold?

- a. Governor
- b. Preacher
- c. President
- d. Captain

18> What was the purpose of the "Hat Act"?

- a. Increase the size of the militia
- b. Restrict the number of hats exported
- c. Reduce the size of the local militia
- d. Restrict the movement of ships

Answers:

- 1> 1610 - This war was with the Powhata Indians.
- 2> Roger Williams - Roger was banished from Salem for his beliefs.
- 3> Naumkeag River - Salem was founded in 1626.
- 4> The Dutch - The Dutch were lead by Peter Stuyvesant.
- 5> Tobacco - Tobacco was the first cash crop grown in America.
- 6> 1770 - Five Americans were killed during the riot.
- 7> Opchanacanough - Opchanacanough brought John before chief Powhatan, Pocahontas' father.
- 8> Small Pox - A small pox of this epidemic occurred in 1689.
- 9> North Carolina - This was between the colonists and the Tuscarora Indians. A treaty was signed in 1715.
- 10> St. George's Fort - This fort was only occupied for a year.
- 11> John Rolfe - This marriage brought a period of peace to the region.
- 12> 450 - These ships arrived in Jamestown.
- 13> 1624 - The Virginia colony was classified as one of the Southern Colonies.
- 14> Deputy Governor - Sir Thomas Dale was sent to help restore order to the colony and aid the settlers.
- 15> 19 - In addition to these witches, one man was pressed to death, one was stoned and two dogs were killed.
- 16> Gaspee - The Gaspee was attacked and burned by colonists. Namquid point is now known as Gaspee.

17> Governor - He was the Governor of Massachusetts from 1794 to 1797.

18> Restrict the number of hats exported - The Hat act was introduced in 1732. This act was among the many taxes and restrictions placed on the colonies by Britain.

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